(c) to (e) All the facilities have been transferred to the concerned departments of the Government of Uttarakhand. Presently, all community facilities are being operated and monitored by the concerned State Government Departments.

Statement

Details of the development work carried out by Tehri Hydro Electric Development Corporation

Sl. No.	Item	Facilities provided at Suman Nagar
1.	**Irrigation Facilities**	
	(i) Tube wells	3 Nos.
	(ii) Irrigation Channels	14 Kms.
2.	**Drinking Water Facilities**	
	(i) Overhead Tanks	1 No.
	(ii) Pipelines	2.80 Kms.
3.	**Roads**	19 Kms.
4.	**Electrification works**	
	(i) L.T. Line	7 Kms.
5.	**Community Facility**	
	(i) Primary School	1
	(ii) Jr. High School	1
	(iii) Primary Health Centre	1
	(iv) Veterinary Hospital	1
	(v) Post Office	1
	(vi) Panchayat Ghar	1
	(vii) Temple	1
	(viii) Shops	8
	(ix) Dormateries	1

NTPC power plant in Nigeria

1617. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC is planning to set up a coal-based power plant in Nigeria, against Nigeria's offer of supply of three million tonnes of LNG per annum, at low price;

(b) whether before signing the MoU with Nigerian Government, NTPC has considered the prevailing political volatility in that country;

(c) whether executive of Indian origin working in Nigeria's delta region are being abducted by Nigerian insurgents and kept for ransom; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) NTPC Ltd. has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Energy, Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) for setting up power plants in Nigeria subject to conditions that FGN will provide, subject to availability, at least three million tonnes of Liquefied Natural Gas(LNG) per annum at reasonable price on long term basis for a period of 25 years from its existing/future LNG plants where operation is likely to begin in next 5 to 6 years. Upon successful operation of above commitment by FGN, NTPC Ltd. will set up, subject to technical feasibility, a 500 MW coal based and a 700 MW gas based power plant in Nigeria.

(b) Clearance from political angle was obtained from Ministry of External Affairs by NTPC Ltd. prior to signing of MoU.

(c) and (d) Since May, 2006, a total number of 18 Indians have been kidnapped by militants/criminal gangs in different parts of Niger delta. As soon as the Government learnt of the unfortunate incidents, immediate *demarche* was made with concerned Nigerian authorities at the highest level as well as the operative level in the concerned States. Consequently, the safe release of all Indian nationals have been secured. In order to ensure the safety of remaining Indians, suitable security advisories have been issued from time to time advising them to avoid travel to violence-prone Niger delta region and take all security measures as a matter of routine in other parts of Nigeria. The companies employing Indians have been advised to beef up security provision for the Indian nationals.

Rural electrification under Bharat Nirman Yojana

1618. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set a target of 60,000 villages to be electrified by 31st March, 2009 under the Bharat Nirman Yojana;

(b) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation, the nodal agency for its implementation, is confused with the Ministry's mixing up the target of electrifying all the villages, with the new proposal or covering all village households; and

(c) whether a demand has risen for additional allocation of Rs.24,000 crore for completion of the scheme by 2009?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Government of India, under its Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) Programme, launched in April, 2005 has envisaged electrification of more than one lakh un-electrified villages except remote villages covered under Ministry of New and